

## Housing Bureau awards two operation and management contracts of Light Public Housing projects (with photos)

â€‹The Housing Bureau (HB) today (May 26) awarded the third and fourth operation and management contracts of the Light Public Housing (LPH) projects (Contract No. LPH20240003 and LPH20250001) to the Easy Living Consultant Limited and Yan Oi Tong Limited Joint Venture; and the Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon and Wellpoint Property Management Services Limited Joint Venture, at tender sums of about \$143 million and about \$139 million respectively.

The third contract covers the operation and management of the LPH project at Tsing Fuk Lane, Tuen Mun (i.e. Tuen Mun Area 3A), providing about 1 900 units. The fourth contract covers the operation and management of the LPH project at Olympic Avenue, Kai Tak (Phase 1), providing about 3 000 units. Both projects are anticipated to be completed in the fourth quarter of this year. The operating organisations will need to work at full capacity to carry out the pre-management works effectively, so as to ensure the smooth handling of LPH applications and intake arrangements, and to provide various services and ancillary facilities for the residents and local communities immediately upon intake.

The Secretary for Housing, Ms Winnie Ho, said, "Under the steer of the HB, the first LPH project at Yau Pok Road, Yuen Long, is progressing towards full intake, while the project at Choi Hing Road, Ngau Tau Kok, will commence intake in phases by the end of next month. With the appointment of the third and the fourth operating organisations for LPH today, this social project has further taken a significant step forward, and more citizens in need will benefit from the LPH."

"I look forward to working closely with various operating organisations in the coming years to ensure effective operation and management, thereby allowing the residents and nearby communities to benefit from the projects' ancillary facilities and community services. We are also inviting tenders for two other operation and management contracts, covering the four school conversion projects and the Sheung On Street project in Chai Wan. I would like to appeal to other organisations that are interested in operating LPH projects to actively participate in the tenders and work together with the Government to improve the living environment of the grassroots and help them in their pursuit of happiness," she added.

In addition to providing accommodation, the LPH projects will also offer various services and facilities for the residents and the local community. Therefore, unlike general property management contracts, the requirements for LPH's operation and management services, not only cover occupant management, property management, and daily maintenance, but also a

range of social services, as well as the management and operation of ancillary facilities.

To ensure service quality, the HB has, in the assessment process, carried out a technical assessment based on a series of criteria including the management capability and relevant experience of the tenderers, as well as the proposed modes of operation and management, social services to be provided, exit plan and the use of innovation and information technology. The tender price was then comprehensively evaluated to decide on the most suitable operating organisation.

The Chief Executive announced the construction of about 30 000 LPH units by 2027-28. The HB and the Architectural Services Department have been working at full steam to take forward the related works. The LPH Phase 1 and Phase 2 applications, covering about 4 400 and 5 060 units respectively, have received an overwhelming response, with about 21 900 applications received by the end of May this year.

